The South 40

Who is liable for accidents?

By JAMES A. SMITH
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The increased use of insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, foliar fertilizers and other chemicals has created public concern and has raised an important and often overlooked issue for farmers--who can be held liable for accidents?

There are several safeguards applicators and farmers need to observe to decrease the risk of liability:

1. Hire a licensed, experienced custom applicator.
2. Insert a written clause into the contract providing for compensation for any damages which the farmer must pay as a result of the applicator's negligence.
3. Acquire adequate liability insurance and inform the insurance agent about the risks encountered in the pesticide spray business.
4. Try to insure that the custom applicator employs acceptable management practices such as spraying after the wind has subsided, using the correct type and amount of chemicals and keeping a safe distance from the adjoining fields.
5. Notify beekeepers if areas close to hives or where bees feed are to be sprayed with insecticides.
6. Talk with neighbors and explain the nature of the chemicals being applied.
7. Be sure any employees who spray chemicals are knowledgeable and are skilled in their work.
8. If you do your own spraying, be sure to exercise the needed precautions.
9. Always read the labels and follow directions.

Power saw blades which have a coating of gum and pitch can be cleaned using commercial oven cleaner. After the cleaner has done its work, wash blade in hot water and dry. The saw blade will look like new.

Using jumper cables to start a car can be dangerous. Sparks near a recently discharged battery could cause it to explode. Connect the cables to the positive terminals of each battery first. Then, connect the negative cable to the terminal of the good battery and to a bolt or engine part on the car with the dead battery. After the engine has started, disconnect the negative cable first.

Sweet potatoes are very sensitive to rough handling. Wear soft cotton gloves when picking up potatoes. Pick up one row at a time and avoid excessive handling to reduce bruising. Square or rectangular crates are better choices than bushel baskets because bruising and skinning is reduced.

Sweet potatoes need to be cured at temperatures of 80 degrees F. to 85 degrees F. for 7 to 10 days. After curing, they should be stored at 55 degrees F. to 60 degrees F. If potatoes are to be sold, grade them in the field to reduce handling.

The recent cold snap caused some fires to be built. We frequently get questions about the use of wood ashes on gardens or lawns. They can be used, but don't over use. Don't use if the soil pH is 7.0 or greater. Twenty pounds of wood ash has the neutralizing effect of 10 pounds of limestone. A general recommendation for gardens is 10 to 20 pounds of wood ash per 1,000 square feet. Higher rates may be toxic.

Don't put wood ashes in contact with germinating seed or plant roots because of possible potassium salt burn.

Wood ashes may be applied to lawns if the chunks of charcoal are removed. Use a maximum of 15 pounds per 1,000 square feet. If the turf is actively growing, the wood ashes should be watered in.

The Appomattox Dairyman Association meets Monday, Oct. 22, at the Appomattox County High School Vo-Ag Department at 7 p.m. For food arrangements, call in the number attending by Friday, Oct. 19.

The Appomattox Cattleman's Association meets Tuesday, Oct. 23, Locust Grove Farm, 6:30 p.m. We'll need to know by Friday, Oct. 19, how many will attend in order for steaks to be purchased.

A research project is being conducted by the Virginia Tech Department of Sociology and Agricultural Experiment Station. The project relates to crime in Virginia. This is an attempt to learn more about the extent and circumstances of crime, reported and unreported in this state. A random selection of citizens has been made to receive the questionaires. If you receive a questionaire, you are urged to complete and return it. If you should need help, please come by the Extension Office and we will assist.

Four other states in the Southeast, Florida, Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi, are participating in a similar study.

WALLACE MOORE is pictured with one of many good fields of Appomattox corn. The rain of July and August made possible a higher yield than normal. This field of corn at Wallace Moore's, Rt. 4, Appomattox will yield in excess of 100 bushels of corn per acre. (Photo by Jim Smith)

ASCS Today

Program begins

By TOM CONRAD

FARM PROGRAM SIGNUP BEGAN OCTOBER 15 - We began accepting applications for the 1985 farm programs on Oct. 15. Secretary of Agriculture John Block recently announced acreage reduction program for corn, grain sorghum, barley, oats. The wheat program was announced in June.

In a continued effort to avoid overproduction and low prices, the farm programs call for a 30 percent reduction in wheat and a 10 percent reduction in feed grain.

As a part of that reduction, program participants will receive payments for diverting 10 percent of their wheat. At signup, farmers may request one half of the land diversion payment, and one half of the projected 1985 deficiency payments for feed grains and wheat. Farmers who accept the payments and fail to comply with program provisions must refund the amount of the advance payment with interest.

To protect land removed from crop production, farmers will be required to place it in an acreage conservation reserve (ACR). ACR land must have been devoted to a row crop or small grains in two of the last three years. For summer fallow acreage the cropping requirement is one of the last two years.

The acreage reduction program contracts are binding and liquidated damages will be assessed for failure to comply with program requirements.

For additional program details, farmers may contact the county ASCS office at Court Street, telephone number 804-352-5201 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ASCS SAYS ALL FARMERS ELIGIBLE FOR SOYBEAN LOANS - Since the U.S. Department of Agriculture does not require participation in production adjustment programs as a condition of eligibility for soybean loans, all producers of 1984 soybeans are eligible for price support loans on the crop. Soybeans are ineligible for any reserve program or for storage payments, however.

The loan and purchase rate for Appomattox County's 1984 soybean crop is $5.02 per bushel. The loan rate is based on the national average loan level of $5.02 per bushel, and applies to soybeans graded No. 2. Soybean prices are expected to average between $5.75 and $7.25 a bushel for the season.

The program enables farmers to obtain operating cash and hold their crop for possible higher prices later in the year.

U.S. Soybean production is forecast at 2.04 billion bushels, 30 percent more than the 1983 crop.

Farmers planted 68.2 million acres of soybeans in 1984, about 150,000 more than previously expected.

Welfare benefits may rise

Benefits for welfare recipients in the Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) program may increase in November, the Virginia Department of Social Services announced today.

This increase results from the easing of serveral elibibility standards effective October 1.

These changes, resulting from the federal Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, include exemptions relating to funeral agreements and the disposal of real property.

Under the new rules, funeral agreements valued up to $1500 per person and burial plots will be exempted from countable resources.

Also, for six months, the regulations exempt real property the family is making a good-faith effort to sell, provided the family agrees to pay back the ADC benefits.

Other changes include:

-disregarding as income the first $50 of child support paid on behalf of family in determining eligibility and the amount of assistance,

-increasing the gross income limit from 150 percent to 185 percent of the state's standard of need in determining eligibility,

-exempting pregnant women from work registration and participation beginning with the sixth month of pregnancy, and

-increasing the standard work expense deduction for part-time workers from $56 to $75.

Two other income changes relate to the federal earned income tax credit and the $30 and one-third earned income disregard.

Previously, the federal earned income tax credit was counted as income if the individual was simply eligible to receive the credit. After October 1, this tax credit income would only be counted when the individual actually received it, either in advance from the employer or later as a federal tax refund.

Previously, $30 and one third of the remaining earned income was disregarded in eligibility determination for four consecutive months. Under the new rules, $30 will continue to be disregarded from earnings for an additional eight consecutive month period.

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Anderson to lead farm organization

The Appomattox County Farm Bureau re-elected Ed Anderson county president for 1985 at its annual meeting Saturday at Appomattox County High School.

Anderson is a purebred Angus breeder in the Cloverhill District of the County. More than 190 members attended the meeting to elect officers and adopt resolutions beneficial to farmers and the community.

Marvin Glover was elected vice president, with three directors Earl Pickett of Cloverhill, Kenneth Marston of Southside, and Russell Moore of Stonewall--also elected.

Some of the Farm Bureau's legislative successes were mentioned by Sam Coleman from Prince Edward County, a member of the Virginia Farm Bureau board of directors. He pointed out that 90 percent of priority resolutions had passed at the State level. Funding was approved for agricultural research and the vet school at VPI & SU, and farmers will now pay workmens compensation only if they hire three or more employees. A balanced budget resolution passed in the General Assembly and now will be on the ballot this November for approval by the voters. Locally, Farm Bureau members voted for a land-use tax in the County. Nationally the group didn't do as well.

Appomattox County Farm Bureau has a membership of 690 families, 61 more than a year ago. Virginia Farm Bureau had an 11 percent increase and now has 96,000 member families.

NEWLY ELECTED officers and directors for the local Virginia Farm Bureau include (from left) Danny Hix, John Goin, Earl Harris, Marvin Glover, Ed Anderson, and Earl Pickett. Not pictured is Kenneth Marston.

For scholarships

SS increases funding

The amount of money provided for its college scholarship program has been doubled by Southern States Cooperative.

A Southern States scholarship is now valued at $2,600, or $800 for freshmen and $600 for each ensuing year.

The cooperative gives a total of 32 scholarships each year to eligible students at five land grant universities in the states of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, West Virginia and Kentucky. Four scholarships are provided in Delaware and West Virginia while eight scholarships are given annually in Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky.

The scholarship program was launched in 1957. Since then, Southern States has given more than $270,000 to eligible students seeking an education in agriculture. More than 830 students have received scholarships since the program's inception.

Each university's college of agriculture selects and recommends young men and women for the scholarships. The university's usual standards of scholarship, leadership and need are applied in making these selections. Applicants must be accepted by the admissions office of the university involved for enrollment in the college of agriculture. Applicants also must be the son or daughter of a producer of agricultural products.

Preference will be given to young men and women who have completed two or more years of active membership in a 4-H Club or FFA chapter. Applicants must be a resident of the state in which the university they plan to attend is located. Recipients must maintain a good academic record to hold the scholarship after the first year.

Sons or daughters of Southern States employees, owners or employees of service stores, or members of Southern States Board of Directors are not eligible.

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Death Notices

Jane Stanke Babcock

June Stanke Babcock, 57, of Route 2, Concord, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 1984 in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox County, she was a daughter of Annie Laurie Scruggs Babcock, Appomattox, and the late A.A. (Deb) Babcock. She was a member of Memorial United Methodist Church, attended Randolph-Macon Woman's College and was a graduate of Orange Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Orlando, Fla.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by a sister, Mrs. Rebecca B. Rosser, Appomattox; two brothers, W. Byron Babcock, Virginia Beach, Bradley L. Babcock, Harrisonburg; and an aunt, Helen S. Stratton.

Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Babcock family cemetery by the Rev. Otis Worley.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Alvin Lee Hudson

Alvin Lee Hudson of Rt. 1, Roxboro, North Carolina, died Wednesday night, October 10, 1984, in South Boston Halifax Community Hospital. He was a former resident of Berry Hill Nursing Home.

He was a native of Mecklenburg County, Va., and a member of Westwood Baptist Church in Roxboro. He was an employee of Tar Heel Chevrolet Co. for 29 years.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Janie Gentry Hudson; a son Malcolm "Mac" Allen Hudson of Jersey Shore, Pa.; a daughter, Mrs. Hilda Laughon of Chesapeake, Va.; a brother, Lloyd Hudson of Appomattox, Va.; three sisters, Mrs. Lucille Blankenship and Miss Mable Hudson, both of Culpeper Baptist Home, Culpeper, Va.; and Mrs. Margaret Woolridge of Spout Spring, Va.; three grandchildren and a great grandchild.

A funeral service was conducted Saturday at 11 a.m. in Brooks and White Chapel in Roxboro by the Rev. Don Phipps.

Jackson F. King

Jackson Floyd King, 90, of Route 3 Appomattox died Friday, Oct. 12, 1984 at 7:40 p.m. in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Born in Tazewell County April 8, 1894, he was a son of the late Jackson Charles King and Addie Rose King. He was a retired employee of the Railway Postal Service in Washington, D.C. and a member of Memorial United Methodist Church and N.A.R.F.E.

He is survived by his wife, Idella Ferguson King, and three brothers, Carl King, Colonial Heights, Robert King, Covington, and Theodore King of Cary, N.C.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Otis Worely. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Myrtle Anderson Ligon

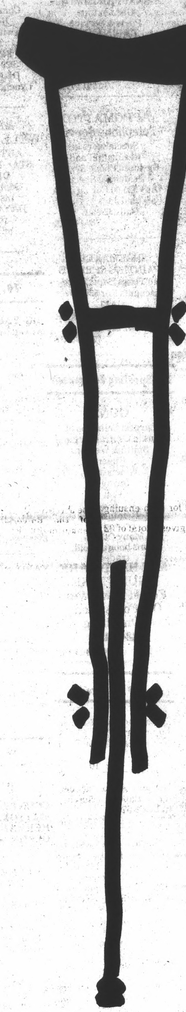
Myrtle (Mrs. Scott) Ligon, 92, died Wednesday morning at the home of her grandson, Sean Ligon Owens, in Midlothian, where she had resided since August 1984.

She was born in Appomattox County, daughter of the late Henry Stirling and Mana Tanner Anderson.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Martha Ligon Owens of Lynchburg; three grandchildren, Sean Ligon Owens of Midlothian, Mary Scott of San Marino, Calif., and Noel Bruce Owens of Vail, Colo., and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted in the chapel at First Presbyterian Church, VES Road, at 2:30 p.m. Saturday by the Rev. John Thompson. Interment was in Spring Hill Cemetery.

Diuguid Rivermont Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



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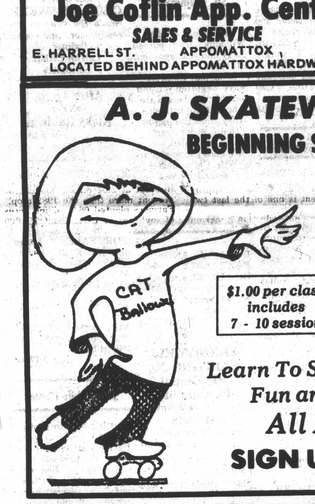

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Yesteryears

A look back

FIFTY YEARS AGO IN THE TIMES-VIRGINIAN... Future Farmers of Pamplin and Appomattox received awards totaling $83.00 for entries at New Deal Fair in Lynchburg. Among the winners are Maurice Gordon, tobacco, second premium; Leslie Gordon, tobacco, second premium. John Cole won first prize for the largest turnip. Otho Martin won second premium for potatoes and Glenn Martin won third premium for sweet potatoes.

A musical concert was held this week at the Vera School given by the Business Men's Chorus of Farmville. Admission ten cents.

The Farmers National Bank is paying 3 percent interest on savings.

Senator S. L. Ferguson spent the weekend in Richmond.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO.....

One polio case listed for Appomattox County, an 18 year old youth, name withheld.

Nancy G. Martin, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin has been elected president of Wesley Foundation of Longwood College.

Appomattox Junior Woman's Club members attending the Alice Kyle District fall meeting were Perry Marshall, Ellen Jamerson, Izzie Wingfield and Vera Wilhoit.

Haley's Cash Grocery Store advertised Swifts Bacon for 49 cents a pound.

TEN YEARS AGO... Historic Landmark Plaque unveiled during the Historic Appomattox Railroad Festivities. Plaque read, Battle of Appomattox Station 1865.

Rescue Squad running short of goal in fundraising.

Rhonda Mitchell and Victor Banton announce engagement.

The Carpet House held Grand Opening, Oct. 17, 18, and 19.

FIVE YEARS AGO.... Nadine Faye Bugg crowned Miss Appomattox for coming year, 1979.

Top sirloin $2.39 pound at Wilbun's Market.

Raiders upset Bees 34 - 14.

ONE YEAR AGO.... Davis S. Nash has announced his candidacy for member of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors for Cloverhill District.

Headline...Board of Supervisors requests Rt. 26 changes.

Armstrong Furniture's millionth suite of furniture rolled off the assembly lines during second shift at Armstrong Furniture in Appomattox.

HOLIDAY LAKE 4-H EDUCATIONAL CENTER recently received a $500 contribution from the Prince Edward County 4-H Fundraising Committee. The funds will be used for a new lodge, which is currently under construction. The check was presented by Mrs. Mary Stokes, extension agent, to Mr. Scott Dawson, vice president of the Holiday Lake Board of Directors.

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